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For: Bacteriophage Library Useful For
Typing Bacteria And System And
Method Utilizing Same

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Sir:

This is in response to the United States Patent and Trademark Office
Restriction Action mailed August 27, 2003, which response is being made on or
before February 27, 2004, and for which a five-month extension fee is due.

Applicants hereby elect Group II, namely Claims 15 – 28, drawn to a
method of typing bacteria using a bacteriophage library.

Furthermore, with respect to the species selection, Applicants hereby select:

(a) *Salmonella enterica*.

(b) *Salmonella Virchow*.

(c) *Salmonella Virchow* sub-variants BI-2 (bacteria 248, Table 2).

(d) All the above bacteria are related to the bacterial Species *Salmonella*
enterica. *Salmonella Virchow* is a strain of the *Salmonella enterica*

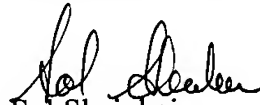
specie, and *Salmonella Virchow* BI-2 is a variant of the strain
Salmonella Virchow.

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It is believed that Claims 15 – 28 read on the above species.

Applicants reserve the right to file, at a later date, additional divisional applications claiming priority from the present application which are directed to any one or more of the non-elected Groups.

Respectfully submitted,



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